

PNHA ACTIVITIES 2012

PNHA Stalls in shopping centres We will have PNHA information, weed displays, information about local birds, sell PNHA Cards and Weed War I DVD

March 4 Cleanup Australia Day. Our base will be near Woolworths, Avalon. We'll clean up Avalon Dunes and Careel Creek above and below Woolworths

March Sunday 11

Birdwatching at Deep Creek, off Wakehurst Parkway
A chance to bid Koels and Channel-billed Cuckoos goodbye.

Time: 7.30-10.30

Meet: near entry off Parkway

Bring: Binoculars, water, morning tea

Bookings:

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Rock Warbler, or Origma, has been seen here. This little bird's only habitat is sandstone rocks of the Sydney district. Image: Nevil Lazarus



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April Friday 20-Sunday 22

Asparagus Fern Out, Pittwater YHA at Morning Bay
A bargain weekend in return for two mornings of bush regeneration removing Asparagus Fern in Spotted Gum forest. Guests have exclusive use of the hostel. Enjoy talks, guided walks in Ku-ring-gai Chase NP, birdwatching, friendly swamp wallabies, free use of hostel kayaks, fantastic scenery, peace and quiet.

Accommodation and meals (2 dinners & 2 lunches) at reduced rates, subsidised by Hawkesbury Nepean CMA and the hostel. **BYO breakfasts.**

Only 30 people can enjoy this wonderful place, so book early and bring your friends.

Costs: \$15 as a contribution (a \$50 booking fee applies with \$35 refund on arrival)

Option: come for one day & stay for BBQ lunch

Bookings essential. Contact Pittwater YHA email: pittwater@yha.com.au Ph: 9999 5748

A Pittwater Natural Heritage Association activity in partnership with Pittwater YHA, NPWS, Pittwater Council & sponsored by the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Authority with funding for Pittwater Estuary Care from the Australian Government's Caring for our Community program



May Saturday 12 Asparagus Fern Out Day, Barrenjoey Headland

We'll continue to attack Asparagus Fern on Barrenjoey Dunes near the headland. Last year we made great progress, so let's give this pest another thrashing!

Morning Tea & Gourmet Lunch provided

When/where: 8.30am, meet at far end of Governor Phillip park car-park, ends with lunch at 1.00 pm

Wear: enclosed shoes, long sleeves and trousers

Bring: strong gloves, a drink, hat. Tools provided

RSVP for catering:

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Sponsors: DATS Environmental Services, HNCMA, NPWS, Pittwater Council

Cost: Free

Asparagus Fern - Pittwater's Worst Weed

Asparagus Fern is a horror weed in many places including the sandspit connecting Barrenjoey Headland to the mainland.

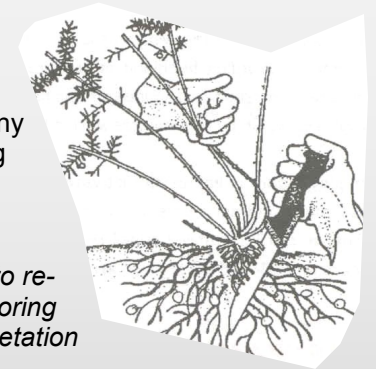
Asparagus Tips:

Just cut out the crown to kill it. No need to remove white water tubers. They are for storing moisture. Put crown and berries into vegetation recycling.

See video on removing this weed:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=105jsl1bk4I>

Or buy our \$10 DVD, WEED WAR I, for demonstrations on how to deal with it and other weeds of Pittwater



Grant funding for our Pittwater Estuary Care project, including Asparagus Fern Out days and Pittwater YHA weekend from:



Catchment Management Authority
Hawkesbury-Nepean

June Sunday 24 Warriewood Wet-

lands: Breakfast with the Birds

Birdwatching and monitoring winter birds

Swamp Mahoganies will be flowering, attracting a variety of honeyeaters.

Bring: binoculars, water, raincoat

Meet: end of Katoa Close (off Garden St) Narrabeen

Time: 8-10.30am

Cost: \$2.00 for Tea/Coffee/Cake

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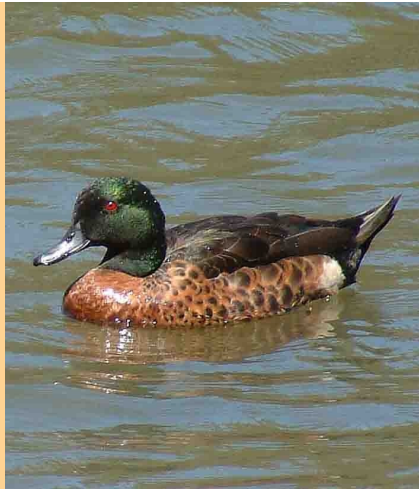


Image: Chestnut Teal drake, Neil fifer



July Sunday 15 Pittwater

Geology Tour with Dr Peter Mitchell

Pittwater's rich and varied flora, fauna and landscape are based on its interesting geology and landforms. Why are some soils rich and others sandy and dry? How old are our rocks?

Dr Peter Mitchell, formerly of Macquarie University Earth Sciences department, will guide us on a tour explaining local landscapes, rocks and soils.

Car pooling or tag along.

Time: 9am-3pm

Place: Meet at Coastal Environment Centre carpark on Lake Park Rd, Narrabeen.

Bring: drink, lunch, snacks, raincoat. We will stop for a picnic lunch

Bookings: P: 0439 409 202, 9918 3368

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booking if you need to share a car or can take a passenger..

August Sunday 19 PNHA AGM

Guest Speaker, lunch, walk along shore of lagoon

Where: Bilarong Reserve Scout Hall, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen

Time: Midday – 3pm

August Sunday 26 PNHA Birdwatching

Warriewood Wetland and Irrawong Reserve

Walk upstream along Mullet Creek to waterfall. Possible sightings: Powerful Owl and Lyrebird

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Time: 8-11.00am **Meet:** end of Katoa Close, off Garden St Narrabeen.

Bring: Binoculars, water, morning tea.

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September Sunday 16 Native Plant Identification workshop.

What's that plant? Learn how to use a plant key, features of plants, recognise the main plant families.

Katandra Bushland Sanctuary then field trip to Ku-ring-gai Chase NP on Chiltern Track and Irrawong Reserve. We'll walk along bush tracks identifying plants we see.

Time: 9.30 – 3pm

Meet: Katandra Bushland Sanctuary, Lane Cove Rd, Ingleside.

Bring: drink, lunch, raincoat, walking shoes, camera

Cost: free

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October Sunday 14 Breakfast with the Birds

Irrawong Reserve: Birdwatching and monitoring spring birds.

Bring: binoculars, water, raincoat

Meet: end of Irrawong Rd (off Garden St) Narrabeen

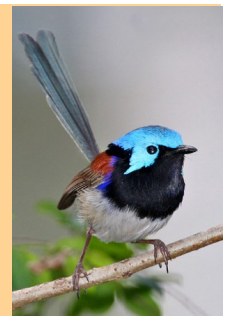
Time: 7.30-10.00am

Cost: \$2.00 for Tea/Coffee/Cake

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Image: Variegated Wren, N. Lazarus



November Sunday 25 PNHA Birdwatching

Ku-ring-gai Chase NP, Chiltern Trail, off Chiltern Rd, Ingleside

Heathland and woodland attracts honeyeaters.

Time: 7.30- 10am.

Meet at signposted start of trail on Chiltern Rd, north of intersection of Chiltern Rd and Cicada Glen Rd.

Bring: Binoculars, water, morning tea.

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